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GEORGE HEES AND THEODORE BIKEI

Distinguished Canadian & World-Famous Artist at U.J.A. Dinner Tuesday Night



OVER 600 ATTEND ISRAEL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The observance of the 16th Anniversary of Israel's Independence on April 16 will long be remembered as one of the most successful annual events held in Ottawa since the creation of the State. Held under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Ambassador of Israel and Mrs. Gershon Avner, the entire evening beginning with the Service of Commemoration, followed by the attractive Israel Trade Fair, fashion show, music and dancing was filled with a spirit of thanksgiving, gaiety and admiration for the people and State of Israel. Shown examining some of the articles at one of the booths set up in the Main Auditorium are Hymon Bessin, president, Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir; Mrs. Norman Toronto, chairman, Trade Fair Committee; David Zelikovitz, chairman, United Zionist Council; Mrs. Gershon Avner and His Excellency Gershon Avner, Ambassador of Israel to Canada. The program was arranged by the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir and the United Zionist Council and its member groups, in co-operation with the Israeli Trade Commissioner in Canada, the Synagogues of Ottawa and the Jewish Community Centre.



HOLD NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SOVIET JEWRY

On Tuesday, May 5, the Jewish Community of Ottawa joined Canadian Jewry in a National Day of Prayer for the Welfare of the Jews in Soviet Russia. The Special Service held at Congregation Beth Shalom was addressed in moving fashion by Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky of Montreal, chairman, National Religious Welfare Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. Prayers were offered by Robbi Simon L. Eckstein, J. Benjamin Friedberg and Abraham Rubin. The Hilltop Academy Choir sang a psalm and Eve Schnitzer, one of the senior pupils spoke for the Jewish children of Ottawa. Shown grouped around two of the passers prepared for the occasion by students of the Hilltop Academy are Rabbi Zambrowsky, Robbi Friedberg, Robbi Rubin, Robbi Eckstein, Alex Betcherman, chairman, Religious Affairs and Rabbinical Committee and Hymon Bessin, president, Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir.

The Keynote Dinner of the 1964 United Jewish Appeal to be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 P.M. at the Jewish Community Centre will bring to Ottawa one of the most colourful figures in Canadian public life and a guest artist who has won international acclaim.

The Honourable George Hees, P.C., former Minister of Trade and Commerce and President of the Montreal and Canadian Stock Exchanges will be the guest speaker. He has recently returned from Israel and his first-hand observations of that country are eagerly awaited.

Theodore Bikel, one of the great names in the theatrical world today will be the guest artist. A celebrated actor and folk-singer, Mr. Bikel enjoys an international reputation for his numerous motion pictures, television appearances, Broadway plays, recordings and concert tours.

Jules Loeb, general chairman of the 1964 Campaign and his Executive Committee expect an unusually large audience in view of the outstanding nature of the program. Those planning to attend who have not yet purchased their tickets are urged to make their reservations immediately by calling 232-7306, since space is at a premium.

The Keynote Dinner of the United Jewish Appeal has traditionally been regarded as the one occasion during the year when the community gathers to express its solidarity and its confidence in the future. Tuesday night's function will be especially noteworthy.

In 1964, the United Jewish Appeal seeks to raise a minimum of \$377,000 for the movement of immigrants to Israel, for integration and absorption, for relief and rehabilitation in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East and for local Jewish educational and recreational services.

Commitments made at the two pre-campaign functions held recently are encouraging. The basic minimal needs of the United Jewish Appeal's beneficiaries at home and abroad are finding a warm response and a definite trend towards increasing voluntary giving on the part of the majority of donors has been established.

The committee is hopeful that this trend will continue and that the campaign will gain impetus as it moves into the final weeks of concentrated activity. The objective reflects the basic minimum amount of dollars required to meet overseas commitments and to operate Jewish communal institutions in Ottawa. It is realistic and attainable if every member of the community shoulders his share of the responsibility.

Commenting on this year's needs, Mr. Loeb said that "at this moment there are over three-quarters of a million people who desperately need U.J.A. help. Immigration into Israel is continuing in large numbers for the fourth consecutive year, while there are still hundreds of thousands of earlier arrivals who have not yet been fully absorbed into the economic and social life of the country."

"Another critical area," he continued, "exists in France, where over 165,000 refugees from North Africa have gathered in the last few years. Thousands of others in North Africa and the Middle East would literally starve without the soup kitchens and material aid



The Hon. George Hees, P.C.



Theodore Bikel

which U.J.A. provides. They have no one but us. We must not let them down."

Funds raised in Ottawa by the United Jewish Appeal make possible the programs of the United Israel Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee, United Jewish Relief Agencies, Youth Aliyah, Ottawa Talmud Torah, Jewish Community Centre, Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir and Camp B'nai B'rith.

RABBI ECKSTEIN ON RADIO NEXT WEEK

Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein will be broadcasting over CBO's daily morning program "Thought for the Day" at 7:35 a.m. during the week commencing Monday, May 13.



Matityahu Dagan

New Counsellor of Israel Arrives

The arrival of Matityahu Dagan to take up his new post as Counsellor of the Embassy of Israel in Ottawa has been announced by His Excellency Gershon Avner, Ambassador of Israel to Canada. Mr. Dagan succeeds Max M. Varon who is now Ambassador of Israel to Burma.

A Sabra by birth, Mr. Dagan's grandfather was one of the original group of settlers who came to Palestine in 1882.

Educated in Israel and active in the Haganah, he subsequently served in the British Army where he rose to the rank of Major. During the Italian Campaign, he commanded an infantry company of the Jewish Brigade.

After the war, he was a staff officer in the Haganah. When the Israel Defence Forces were created, he was the commander of an infantry brigade with the rank of Colonel.

Mr. Dagan joined the Israel Foreign Service in 1959 and has held consular posts in Chicago and Dallas. He comes to Ottawa from Israel, where for the past two years he was the Director of Personnel in the Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Dagan is married and has three children and two grandchildren. He will be joined by his wife and sixteen year-old daughter in mid-July.

Mr. Dagan will be officially introduced to the Jewish community at the Keynote Dinner of the United Jewish Appeal to be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre.

A warm and charming person with a rich background of experience, he is certain to win many new friends in the community. We wish him every happiness and success.



NOW'S THE TIME TO THINK OF DAY CAMP

Hot days and summer vacations are just around the corner. This view of the Jewish Community Centre's outdoor swimming pool points up one of the many wholesome and fun-filled activities your 4-11 year old youngster can enjoy at the Day Camp from July 6 to August 14. Registrations are coming in quickly. If you want to be sure of a place for your child, please send your application form in right away. For information or other details, call 232-7306.

Yiddish Theatre Group Here Thursday, May 24

A Yiddish Theatre Ensemble of six of the brightest stars of the New York Jewish musical comedy stage will appear in a new full-length production at the Jewish Community Centre on Thursday, May 14 at 8:30 p.m. The auditorium is now airconditioned.

The cast of artists, which includes Ben Bonus, Miriam Kressyn, Seymour Rexsite, Max Bozyk and Reisel Bozyk will present "The Travels of Benjamin the Third", a new comedy based on the works of the famous Yiddish novelist Mendele Mocher Sforim. It was adapted and directed by David Licht with Pola Kadison as musical director. Ben Bonus is the producer.

These names are well-known to Ottawa audiences who have enjoyed the humour, warmth and pathos of the one Yiddish production staged each year by the Labour Zionist Council and the Jewish Community Centre. Two new personalities have joined the troupe this year in addition to such old favourites as Ben Bonus and Max and Reisel Bozyk.

Their appearance here is part of a nation-wide tour of seventy cities under the auspices of Farband-Labour Zionist Order, which for the past forty years have brought the best of Yiddish theatre into scores of Jewish communities in the United States and Canada as part of its program of cultural activities.

The performance in Ottawa will be augmented by Yiddish and Hebrew folk songs with the participation of the entire ensemble.

Tickets are \$2.00 per person and may be obtained from Israel Rubinek, 232-4833; Israel Shalom, 236-7341 or at the Jewish Community Centre, 232-7306.

Ticket holders are asked to note that the troupe will appear on Thursday, May 14 and not Wednesday, May 13 as originally announced. The tickets distributed in advance of the change of date will, of course, be honoured.

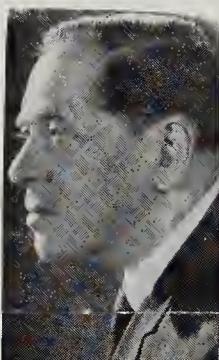
The versatility of the performers and the excellence of their presentation has attracted unusually large audiences in past years. Next week's all-new production has created a great deal of interest in the community and many new people are expected to take advantage of the one-night appearance of this outstanding group. Reservations should be made immediately to avoid disappointment.

RABBI RUBIN SPEAKS FOR HANDICAPPED

Rabbi Abraham Rubin was the guest speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Ottawa Handicapped Association held on April 30 at Bell St. Church. He was accompanied by Mrs. Rubin. Isidore Weltman is president of the group.



Ben Bonus



Max Bozyk



Vaad Business Is Everybody's Business

by Hy Bessin

President, Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir

During my recent visit to Israel, I participated in the sessions of the Actions Committee of the Jewish Agency. Grave concern was expressed by these leaders from the Diaspora and Israel for the survival of world Jewry in view of the dangers of assimilation and disintegration. They concluded that only through intensified Jewish education, through an awareness of the unique character of the Jewish people and the central role of the religious element in our structure could we hope to stem the tide that threatens to engulf us.

In Canada, the rate of intermarriage is indeed cause for anxiety. In Quebec, the figure is 6% where either bride or groom was non-Jewish and did not convert; in Ontario, 22%; the Prairies, 28%; British Columbia, 35%; the Maritimes, 51%.

What kind of future do you envision for yourself and for your children? It is within your power to take positive action now by giving the United Jewish Appeal the fullest measure of your support and co-operation. The UJA provides funds for our Talmud Torahs, Day School and the other agencies which strengthen Jewish life in Ottawa. *This is your life!* Come to the UJA Dinner on May 12 and express your solidarity with our people!

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I have just received the following letter from Her Worship, Mayor Charlotte Whitton written from the King David Hotel in Jerusalem on April 26. I thought I would share some excerpts with you:

"I have had a most wonderful day in Jerusalem. The Herzogs certainly went "all out" in a wonderful dinner for me tonight. The Mayor of Jerusalem had a luncheon for me and had the City Clerk present a beautiful book on Jerusalem and one of the city's gold badges of honour — the small exquisite gold pin.

"Today, they met me at the Mandelbaum Gate and after lunch, I climbed Mount Zion and also visited King David's Tomb as well as the Dormition Shrines. It has all been lovely — and tomorrow, I go to the Hebrew University, the Hadassah Hospital and the Hadassah — WIZO Youth Project. Then to Caesarea and to the Sea of Galilee. Wednesday, I go to Nazareth and Tel Aviv. The Ambassador is giving a dinner for me on Wednesday night and Thursday, I fly to Athens and home.

"I just cannot believe Jerusalem — old city or new. I have to have dinner with you all when I get back."

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On the occasion of the National Day of Prayer for the Welfare of the Jews in Soviet Russia, the Jewish community is grateful for the expressions of goodwill conveyed by His Excellency Archbishop M. J. Lemieux, the Rt. Rev. E. S. Reed, Bishop of Ottawa and Rev. B. F. Rice, Past President, Ottawa Council of Churches. Churches under their jurisdiction joined us in prayer this past weekend. A letter from the Vicar General of Ottawa is reprinted elsewhere in this issue.

Jewish Community Centre

FIRST ANNUAL

Sports Day and Track and Field Meet

SUNDAY, MAY 31

10:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

VINCENT MASSEY PARK



Races . . . track and field events . . . prizes for the children, teenagers, adults and young adults. No entry fee.

ADDED ATTRACTION

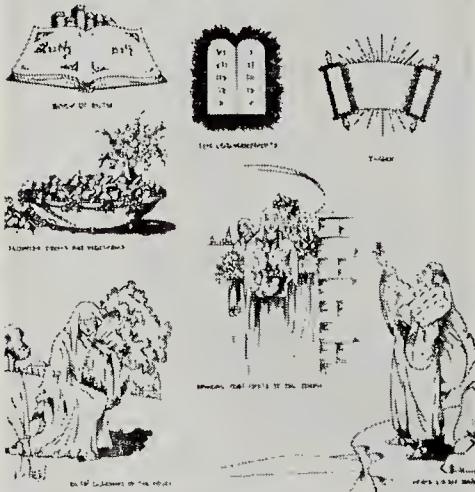
Demonstrations by Olympic and Empire Games personalities.

BRING A PICNIC LUNCH AND SPEND THE DAY WITH THE FAMILY

SHAVUOT

שבועות

חג הבכורים



SHAVUOT OBSERVED SUNDAY AND MONDAY, MAY 17-18

The Festival of Shavuot which commemorates the giving of the Ten Commandments to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai will be ushered in on Saturday, May 16 at sundown and will be observed for two days, ending at sundown on Monday, May 18. Observed also as an agricultural festival in biblical times, it was one of the three pilgrimage festivals when the people went to Jerusalem, this time bringing first fruits to the Temple and offering to the Temple. For these reasons it is also called "Z'mon Matan Toratenu" and "Hag H'katzir. Yizkor will be recited on Monday morning, May 18. Co-inciding as it does with the holiday weekend this year, families are especially urged to attend their respective Synagogues for festival services.

Ottawa Jewish Home For The Aged Joins United Appeal

The Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged is the latest agency to join the United Appeal of Ottawa and District.

This was announced by Jacie C. Horwitz, Q.C., president of the Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged and Herbert R. Balls, president of the Ottawa and District Community Chest.

Under the agreement the United Appeal will supply funds to finance a portion of the annual operating

deficit of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

The Jewish Home for the Aged will be located on Wurtemberg Avenue and construction of this building is to start in July.

The Home provides for an initial capacity of 30 beds and will be opened for occupancy in July, 1965.

A capital campaign to raise funds necessary for the building will be conducted by the Jewish Home for the Aged from June 15 to July 15, 1964.

People in the News

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to:

Mrs. M. Ralph Berke, on having been elected to the Board of Governors of the Women's Division of the new District 22, Canadian B'nai B'rith, at the founding convention in Montreal.

Jacie C. Horwitz, Q.C., on his election as Third Vice-President of the newly-organized District 22 of B'nai B'rith at the inaugural convention in Montreal. The new district embraces 15,000 members in 114 men's lodges and women's chapters in Eastern Canada.

SECRETARY REQUIRED

The Embassy of Israel in Ottawa requires an experienced secretary, able to work on her own initiative, for English correspondence and general secretarial work. Shorthand is essential.

Candidates should apply in writing, giving background, qualifications and references to 45 Powell Ave., Ottawa.

Mrs. David Molot, on her election as President of Ottawa B'nai B'rith Women's Chapter No. 421.

Machzikei Adas Youth Sabbath

Congregation Machzikei Adath will hold a Youth Sabbath on May 9 where the entire service will be conducted by sons of Synagogue members. It will be followed by a kiddush hosted by the teenage girls and a catered meal for all teenagers present.

Special guest for the weekend will be Harvey Makofsky, a university student representing the National Council of Synagogue Youth, which is sponsored by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and Canada.

He will lead the boys and girls in Sabbath songs and Hebrew dances during the Saturday luncheon. On Sunday, he will speak at a breakfast where all members and their teenage children will be hosted by the Men's Group in honour of Mother's Day.

The officers of Machzikei Adas' Teenage Group are Neil Bordelay, president; Barry Nadolny, vice-president; Arlene Green, secretary; Nadine Shulman, program chairman.

**ARCHBISHOP'S RESIDENCE
OTTAWA**

Ottawa, April 30, 1964.

Dear Sir :

In answer to your kind letter of April 23rd I hasten to express the deep concern that has arisen in my mind from the reading of the different documents you have made available to me and which I have speedily put into the hands of His Excellency Archbishop Lemieux.

You will be pleased to learn that coinciding with your day of prayer for Russian Jewry, that is on the 4th, 5th and 6th of May, the Catholic Church at large will be holding in every parish solemn processional prayer meetings, each day, for the purpose of calling upon all mankind the blessings of God and his divine protection against all evils arising from natural causes and particularly from the misdoings of those who by means of outward persecution or cunningly devised apposition endeavour to deter their fellowmen from the submissive and respectful service they owe to the Almighty Master of creation. A preliminary processional meeting of the same rite has already been held on the sabbath, the 25th day of April.

You may rest assured that it is with heartfelt sympathy that we unite with you in prayer, with the hope that your dear people, as well as all those who suffer, will be relieved and comforted.

Wishing you the best of all good things, I remain,

Devotedly yours,

*Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond Limoges, D.P.,
Vicar General.*

Mr. Hyman Bessin, President,
Jewish Community Council of Ottawa,
151 Chapel Street,
Ottawa (2), Ontario.

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
FOURTH ANNUAL ALL-SPORTS BANQUET**

Thursday, June 4 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Outstanding Male and Female Athlete of the Year, Men's Fitness, Ladies Silhouette, Handball, Tennis, Weight Training, Basketball, Trampoline and Family Conditioning.

OUTSTANDING SPEAKER... SPORTS PERSONALITIES

Tickets \$2.50 per person. Call Elliott Levitan, Jack Krone or Richard Guest for reservations.

**Centre Library
Contributions**

The Library Committee acknowledges with thanks receipt of the following contributions for the purchase of books:

In memory of Mitchell Ages, by Confederation Lodge No. 2429, B'nai B'rith.

In memory of Harry Asbyll, by Mr. and Mrs. P. Shore and Mr. and Mrs. I. Cogan.

In memory of Charles Fine, by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Zagerman.

In memory of Lionel Marks, by Inez and Joe Zelikovitz.

In memory of Mrs. Lillian Saslove, by Dr. and Mrs. Max Florence, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lobel and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weiner.

In memory of Mrs. Sarah Saslove, by her brother Joseph Toronto and Mrs. Toronto.

In memory of Mrs. Jessie Sugarman, by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weiner and by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Zagerman.

In honour of his Bar-Mitzvah, by Joel David Brodie.

In memory of his great-grandmother Mrs. David Rubin on the occasion of his Bar-Mitzvah, by Louis Florence.

NOTICE OF MEETING

**Ottawa Hebrew
Benevolent Society**

The Annual Meeting of the Ottawa Hebrew Benevolent Society will be held on Sunday, May 24, 1964 at 11:00 a.m., at the Jewish Community Centre.

Annual reports and financial statements will be submitted, followed by the election of officers for the coming year.

Please accept this as the official notice of meeting. No cards are to be mailed this year. All are welcome.

Samuel Caplan,
President.

**Annual B'nai B'rith Camp
and
Youth Philanthropy Tea**

Wednesday, June 3

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

at the home of

Mrs. Hyman Berlin
281 Roger Road